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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC D05C 15/22, 15/24		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages 1-9, as originally filed,

pages _____, filed with the demand,

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,

Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,

Nos. _____, filed with the demand,

Nos. 1-3, 6, filed with the letter of _____

Nos. 5, filed with the letter of 18 December 2003 (18.12.2003)

the drawings, sheets/fig 1-12, as originally filed,

sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,

sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____

sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3, 5, 6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-3, 5, 6	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3, 5, 6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

- Document 1: US 1993862 A (Waite Carpet Co.), 12 March 1935
- Document 2: CH 173037 A (Max Brunner), 15 November 1934
- Document 3: US 2961983 A (James Lees and Sons Co.), 29 November 1960
- Document 4: US 4549496 A (Fabrication Center, Inc.), 29 October 1985
- Document 5: US 1993862 A (Waite Carpet Co.), 12 March 1935
- Document 6: JP 2001-200465 A (Brother Industries, Ltd.), 27 July 2001
- Document 7: JP 10-113492 A (Yamato Mishin Seizo Kabushiki Kaisha), 6 May 1998
- Document 8: JP 7-144081 A (Brother Industries, Ltd.), 6 June 1995
- Document 9: US 3771478 A (Union Special Corp.), 13 November 1973

Claims 1 to 3, 5, and 6

Claims 1 to 3, 5, and 6 involve an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 9. None of the documents discloses a flocking machine and cutter constituted so

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that a hook body having a hook blade mounted on a hook shaft makes oscillating contact with a lifting-and-lowering blade having a cutting blade.